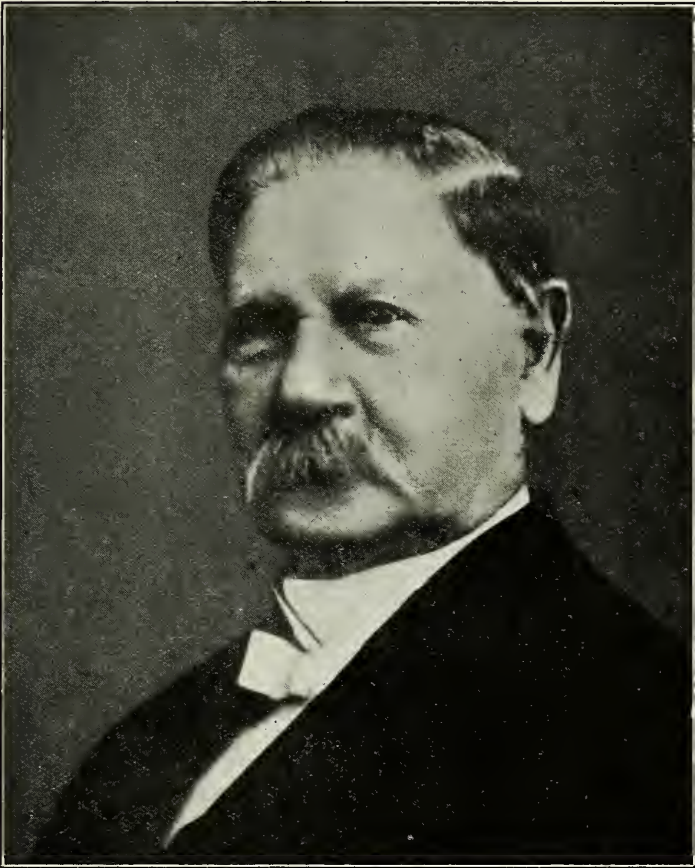


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Charles W. Penrose

He Was a Yeoman of England

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A CHALLENGE TO THE YOUTH OF BRITAIN

By ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY

WHILE walking through the grey-walled corridors and rooms of the historic Tower of London, my thoughts turned back a hundred years. There were the axe and the block used to behead people. There were the thumb screw and the iron collar, the rack that stretched men to pieces and the gibbet where

the dead were hung to make more horrible the agony of the living who were imprisoned in those dark, cruel chambers. There were the spears, the swords and the hooked lances. And just outside was the site where Ann Boleyn and Lady Jane Grey, with others, were executed. I thought of Raleigh wasting his brilliant life away, and felt for a moment within those stone walls the spirit that made him cry out, "O, eloquent, just and mighty death!"

A Stalwart of Faith

THIS stimulating challenge by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley was given as an address at the first annual mission-wide M. I. A. conference at Kidderminster.

Charles W. Penrose, whose eventful life is briefly and vividly told here and whose portrait appears on the cover, was one of the stalwarts of the Church in Great Britain. After fulfilling three missions in this land, he served as president of the European mission from 1907 to 1910. He was talented in the fields of journalism, speaking, music and statesmanship. He was editor of the *Deseret News*, helped frame the constitution of Utah and was author of many oft-sung Latter-day Saint hymns, among them "School Thy Feelings." Born in London, February 4th, 1832, he died in Salt Lake City, May 16th, 1925. His busy life is a sermon of how faith and work will carry one to the ranks of great leaders.

From that scene we strolled through Hyde park. Men and women were talking of whomever they pleased without respect or restraint. No one arrested or imprisoned them. The crowds in the streets seemed to be happy and free. But in contrasting the two scenes, I felt constrained to thank the Lord for the progress that has been made in this great nation. During the past century the progress of this commonwealth toward social happiness has been more wonderful than all the war glories of the world's history.

And as we stand on the summit of the years and look back down the long trail of struggle, we thrill with pride on the growth of the Church in this land. We can thank our Father in Heaven that those who pioneered the way had the quiet courage and the silent faith to weather the storms of persecution and to prove the strength and purity of their Gospel by the virtue of their lives, building a heritage for which we should be grateful. More than 125,000 Britishers

have gone into the waters of baptism under the authority of the restored Priesthood. From their ranks have come many stalwarts, many brave men and women who have contributed a large share to make this work glorious in all the earth.

Among them is Charles W. Penrose, born in the Camberwell

district of London. When he was eighteen years of age he heard of Mormonism, joined the Church, and after a few months was ordained an elder and sent out to open a new field in Essex. His family and friends turned against him. He had been offered a lucrative government position; but he turned his eyes and set out without a penny in his pocket or a change of clothing. On a cold January night, for the first time in his life, he slept out of doors, and reached his field of labour the next day with bleeding feet. Walking three or four thousand miles a year, he preached with power and converted many strong souls. After ten years of this tedious service, he crossed the Atlantic, a steerage passenger in a sailing vessel. Following a 30-day voyage, he drove an ox team across the plains for eleven weeks, eight years before the building of the railroad.

And on three different occasions, each of about three years' duration, he returned to England. Counsellor to the President of the Church climaxed his distinguished life of service.

B. H. Roberts was born in the small industrial town of Warrington. When he was five years old his mother emigrated to Utah and left him with friends until she could get enough money to send for him. But the friends did not prove to be the best, and in a short time they were begging their way about the country. In the public houses, where they spent most of their time, the boy Brigham stood on the table and sang ballads, then passed his hat for pennies. But he became somewhat of a drag on their exploits, and they decided to put him in the army as a drummer boy.

But while he slept one night his mother's face appeared before him. He gathered up his old clothes and crept out into the night. For months he slept in doorways and ash barrels. Only after a long search through the branches of the Church was he found. At the age of nine he crossed the ocean and set out to walk across the plains. He lost his shoes and was compelled to go barefoot.

B. H. Roberts became a blacksmith. But, though he could not read at the age of ten, he was determined to become educated. He lived 15 miles from the University of Utah. Every morning he walked that distance, and every night he walked back again. And when the day came for him to leave the University he took with him the honours of the faculty and the admiration of his fellow students. Both in England and America he fought relentlessly for the Church, and crusaded among high and low for the cause of the Lord. A white-haired champion of righteousness and one of the great sons of the Church, the name of Brigham Henry Roberts will live as long as books are read.

TODAY in the splendid Church office building in Salt Lake City Charles A. Callis works as one of the Twelve Apostles. Seventy years ago last month he was born in Dublin, Ireland. His mother was widowed while her children were young. When Charles was ten, she took her four children to America, travelling third class "because there was no fourth class." In 1893 he came back to England and Ireland as a missionary. "His worldly inheritance was poverty, his school days were spent in a coal mine, heavy tools were his textbooks, to win bread for his widowed mother was his daily task." And yet, he became dis-

tinguished in state government, through long nights of hard study he became a successful solicitor, for 25 years he presided over one of the great missions of the Church, and today his name is known far and wide, and with its mention comes inspiration into the hearts of multitudes of people.

These are representative stories of how sons and daughters of Britain have risen to become great leaders in the Church. From the very depths of poverty they climbed to glorious heights. Conditions in this land today are as the comforts of kings compared with their rocky paths. Their opportunities were narrow, and were taken advantage of in many cases at the very risk of their lives. But they found them, and the world has honoured them. Opportunities infinitely greater are today extended to the youth of Britain.

From the day in 1837 when Heber C. Kimball leaped to the Liverpool shore missionaries from America have largely borne the brunt of the responsibility in building up the Church in these Isles. But as the Church in Great Britain nears the century mark, a new spirit has come into its being. Men grow under stress of responsibility. And now, as never before, the glorious opportunity for growth is being handed to those who call this land home. Missionaries will continue to come, but the powers of administration are Britons' to prepare for. "He that loseth his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it."

"Oh, where are the yeomen, the yeomen of England?"

IS there a need here for Zion today? It is true that wonderful progress has been made, but was there ever a time in this country when we needed to listen more keenly for the words the Master uttered on the shores of Galilee that early morning?—"Feed my sheep?"

An international churchman said last summer: "Religiously it is a dry time in England. . . . Never have I seen such dearth and deadness. My impression is that the Anglican church is dead and knows it, and that the free churches are dead and don't know it—but they are finding out. A famous theologian told me yesterday that the churches cannot go on as they are for more than 20 years."

A survey in London showed that only five per cent of the population attend church. A glance inside one of the churches will soon show that adults predominate. Throw the picture ahead to the adulthood of this generation, and project it yet another generation—and catch the picture!

Is there a need for Zion today? Is there a need for the youth of the Church in Britain to accept the responsibility of this new leadership in teaching their brothers and sisters?

During 1933 the people of Britain spent £224,845,000 in retail purchases of alcoholic drinks. That averages an adult expenditure of £7 10s., including total abstainers. Fifty thousand million cigarettes are smoked each year in England. And the consumption is on the increase. That dreadful figure can be written in pounds and pence, or in stained teeth and fingers, in untidiness, nervousness, physical weakness, and mental and moral decay, or in the awful handicap of children born of tobacco-saturated mothers, weakened unto the third and fourth generations.

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A COMPANION OF TRUTH IN CHINA

By Reginald S. Mavin.

APPROXIMATELY 11,500 miles from my home in the Plymouth branch of the Bristol district, I walked the decks of this great battleship craving and longing for a Latter-day Saint gathering. Cruising over the quiet waters of the Pacific on the China coastline in His Majesty's man-o'-war, H. M. S. *Capetown*, I yearned for an opportunity of sitting in a little circle of saints, if it were only two or three, and listening to Gospel stories and lessons. I hungered for spiritual food.

My thoughts wandered back to our little branch hall in Plymouth, where my wife and I had attended the meetings and gatherings. We had listened to the elders and local brethren explain the principles of Mormonism. We had joined in the branch socials and concerts. I looked months ahead when I would return, and again we could rejoice in the spirit that only a Latter-day Saint gathering can bring.

But for the present I longed for the association of the saints. I would be at sea for two years, and here in these Oriental waters we seldom see places of worship, and those are usually temples of Buddha or some other pagan god of the Far East. There was not the remotest chance of even contacting or chatting with a Latter-day Saint. I realized the value of our meetings at home. I thought how easy it had been sometimes to say, "I don't think I shall go to meeting this evening," and again how I now pondered, "I'd give anything to attend a meeting."

"Mail Day" on the "Man-o'-war" arrived. There was a package from Sister Mavin. Eagerly I opened it, and to my pleasant surprise I found it contained twelve copies of the *Milennial Star*. I plunged into their contents. It was like meeting a long lost friend.

THROUGH the sixteen pages of each copy I read the articles. Here on the decks of this ship of grey in my leisure moments I sat with the saints in Britain in their conferences. I heard the sermons of the leaders. I banqueted with the M. I. A. amidst feasts of Gold and Green, and I saw the Primary children present their little programmes and pageants. I hiked with the saints on their rambles over England's green hills, and I met the brethren and sisters at cottage meetings. I followed through the principles of the Gospel with the leaders of the Church in their sermons, and I watched the Church grow in all lands. I watched the walls of prejudice fall.

Now I receive the *Star* regularly. It is a companion and a joy to me. It carries to me comfort, and its bright rays chase away the shadows of loneliness and gloom. It bridges the gap of thousands of miles of "white caps" and sea foam between the Plymouth branch and this cruising craft of steel. It explains, through the discourses of Israel's modern leaders, this glorious Gospel in an illuminating light, and it inspires me to live a better life each day. It helps me to live nearer to God.

I thank Him for this messenger of truth.

THE POWER OF PROPHECY

The Radio as an Instrument of the Church Foretold

ONE of the most convincing testimonials to the divinity of the Church of Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the prophetic utterances of its latter-day leaders.

The Church maintains that in these days there are divinely inspired servants of God who speak His revealed will just as did the prophets of old. The Sixth Article of Faith declares that "we believe in prophets" and the Seventh Article adds "we believe in prophecy." Prophecy holds a definite place in the fiber of the Gospel. If prophets do not live in this day just as they did at the time of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah and the other leaders of Israel of old, then the structure of Mormonism crumbles.

The test of prophets today is the same as that in all time. Christ, in His sermon on the Mount, tersely explained it: "By their fruits ye shall know them." In other words, by their deeds and words, ye shall know them. Time alone stands as the indisputable witness of their spoken predictions. It will convict the fraud or it will prove the prophet.

All true prophets are inspired of God, as Thomas Hartwell Horne, D.D., who was associated with the British Museum for several years, has said:

"Prophecy is a miracle of knowledge, a declaration, or representation of something future, beyond the power of human sagacity to discern or to calculate, and it is the highest evidence that can be given of the supernatural communion with Deity, and the truth of revelation from God."

That Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God has been attested time and again as the march of history proceeds, bringing to pass his inspired prognostications. One need only to thumb through the yellowed pages of the *Millennial Star*, reading the foretelling utterances of the Prophet, and then comparably turn through the texts of history years later to realize that there lies "evidence that can be given of supernatural communion with God."

In the issue of the *Star* of February 26th, 1859, there appears the Prophet's warning in 1843 to Stephen A. Douglas, one of America's most brilliant statesmen, that he would "feel the weight of the Almighty" upon him if he turned his hand against the Latter-day Saints. The fate of Stephen A. Douglas is well known to chroniclers. He died a heart-broken man at 48 years of age after an ignominious defeat in the United States presidential race with Abraham Lincoln. In the issue of the *Star* of July 15th, 1851, is contained an advertisement of the publishing in Liverpool in that year of the Pearl of Great Price, containing revelation given in 1832. That revelation predicted South Carolina as the setting of the outbreak of the American Civil war in 1861, and foretold the World war decades later.

And so have other modern prophets provisioned the events of history. Heber C. Kimball predicted in 1848 before an astounded and poorly clad Pioneer congregation that "States goods" would be sold in the streets of Salt Lake City cheaper than in New

York. The advent of the gold rush beginning a year later brought to pass the realization. Orson Hyde foretold in 1842 through the pages of the *Star* the gathering of the Jews in Palestine, and said that "England is destined in the wisdom and economy of heaven to stretch forth the arm of political power, and advance in the front ranks of this glorious enterprise." Current events in the Near East are literally fulfilling that prophecy.

Thus as the earth turns does time prove all prophecy. It glorifies the words of inspired men, and testifies that God does speak in these days. The future still treasures some of the realizations of the prophecies of modern men of God, but today, as in the past, time is opening new chapters which were previewed years ago.

SPEAKING in Salt Lake City on December 28th, 1873, Elder Orson Pratt, a member of the Council of Twelve, gave a discourse on the last days. In the course of his sermon he made this statement:

"There must be something connected with the sounding of this trump that is miraculous in order that all nations may hear it. And sound that can be produced by mortal man does not reach, generally speaking, over about thirty miles from where it originates, which is a very small space indeed. But there will be something connected with the sounding of the trump of the first of the seven angels which will manifest a power which we know nothing of. The sound of that trump will be heard by all people, nations, kindreds and tongues in the four corners of the globe. I do not know that the sound will be so much louder than some we have heard, but it will be carried by some miraculous power so that all people will hear it." (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 16, pp. 327-328.)

These words were uttered 62 years ago. They were uttered three years before the Edinburgh-born genius, Alexander Graham Bell, had even exhibited the invention which was to develop into the telephone, and 23 years before Marchese Marconi patented the first simple wireless apparatus. Who would have thought in those days when the voice was untouched by science and invention that in years to come millions would hear simultaneously a sound "no louder than some that had been heard?"

Through the facilities of this same invention that was foretold by Orson Pratt, President Heber J. Grant recently proclaimed the Gospel message in a sermon that sounded around the world and was received by the ears of millions of people. He was speaking over a chain of 68 leading broadcasting stations of the Columbia network in the United States and Canada.

Only a few weeks earlier President Grant delivered a sermon on an "Around the World" programme of Station KSL in Salt Lake City. Letters describing perfect reception in far off Japan were received by station officials.

Thus is the divinely predicted wireless proving a most powerful instrument in sending forth the message of Mormonism to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." Every Sunday the Tabernacle choir preaches the Gospel with majestic music over the international hookup. In Washington D.C. the strains of a Latter-day Saint organ are periodically sent over the ethereal waves. Each Sunday evening radio talks on Church doctrine

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EDITORIAL

A MODERN MIRACLE

RECENTLY the London press quoted Sir Frank Smith, a British scientist, as saying in a speech delivered to the Society of Engineers, that "the King's reign has seen the most wonderful technical achievement in history—the invention and perfection of broadcasting." No informed person will dispute this statement. Wonderful as are many other advancements in knowledge, invention and achievement none approaches the radio, including television, as a modern miracle—far more marvellous than many of those recorded in holy writ.

Fifty years ago every scientific worker in the field of electro-physics, out of which the radio sprang, would probably have ridiculed the idea of the radio and declared it impossible. It was but slightly more than thirty-six years ago that the writer heard one of the world's foremost electro-physicists tell a class of graduate students that Marconi would never be able to send a wireless message across the Atlantic. He backed up his statement with "proofs." These of course were based upon the knowledge of the day. Obviously the knowledge of the day was faulty. It was not many months later that Marconi had accomplished "the impossible" and a wireless message had jumped the Atlantic from Europe to Canada. Since then the radio has become "necessary" furniture in many millions of homes scattered over the globe. Even wondrous television has developed to the commercial stage and is in ordinary, daily use in different parts of the world.

What significance does all of this have? A key may be found in Joel 2:28: "And it shall come to pass, afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." Is this prophecy in course of fulfillment? Intelligence is a characteristic of God. If His Spirit were poured out upon all flesh the evidences of intelligence would abound on every hand. Are these evidences specially noticeable in the world today? Experts are a unit in telling us that since 1830 (the year the Church was set up) man has made greater advances in science, discovery and invention than during all the previous centuries of human history.

It was about a century ago that divinely inspired Parley P. Pratt, a member of the first quorum of Twelve Apostles organized in modern times, wrote :

The morning breaks, the shadows flee ;
 Lo! Zion's standard is unfurled.
 The dawning of a brighter day
 Majestic rises on the world.

The clouds of error disappear
 Before the rays of truth divine ;
 The glory, bursting from afar,
 Wide o'er the nations soon will shine.

It is probable that Elder Pratt himself did not have a full comprehension of the whole truth that he was inspired to write in those beautiful lines. Neither did the Prophet Joel, perhaps, realize the full significance of his prophecy, so many and marvellous are the manifestations of the Spirit in these wonderful times.

Yes, the radio with all of its appurtenances is most assuredly a modern miracle. And it certainly could not have been developed without the light and inspiration of the divine Spirit operating upon the mind of man. And see how marvellously the radio is functioning in the proclaiming of the restored Gospel!

A mile-post in Church history was set on Sunday, May 12th, when President Heber J. Grant's address, spoken into a microphone of station KSL in Salt Lake City, was relayed by the Columbia Broadcasting System and radiated by 68 large stations scattered over the United States and Canada. This address was published by the *Star* in its issue of June 6th. For the first time in history millions of people simultaneously listened to the head of the only divinely organized church on earth state and briefly comment upon the Articles of Faith.

Really the time is here when a nation might be born in a day, for more than two nations heard the word preached in a day, May 12th. At that rate the whole world could be warned in a day. It would require only a world-wide hook-up of broadcasting systems, or a broadcast in each nation on the same date of sermons produced from records. Truly marvellous are the means of communication that have been provided by human minds, divinely illuminated! And all of these means will continue to function in the preaching of the Gospel to the world. The time is short; hence the rate of preaching the message must accelerate. The radio and related facilities will furnish the means. A miracle has come to serve again the purposes of the Almighty.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

FAST MEETINGS

THE fast meeting of the Church is the greatest spiritual meeting of the Church. We are nearer to the Lord on those occasions than any other. I know from my own experience the most outstanding things that have ever happened to me in my life came in connection with fast meeting, where I have witnessed spiritual manifestations and the spiritual gifts of the Gospel in greater abundance than anywhere else. More Latter-day Saints need to enjoy them today. We come to receive a rich spiritual reward when in the midst of fasting.—MELVIN J. BALLARD.

CARRYING THE TORCH

By Fred K. Birkhead

THE year 1837 was the occasion of much rejoicing over the proposed coronation of Queen Victoria. Enthusiasm ran high, giving expression in a marvellous display of pageantry. Streamers, ribbons and flags were hung in rich profusion, together with many banners, each bearing its motto of goodwill to Her Majesty.

Through the midst of all this splendour rolled a royal coach.

It contained not a king nor a prince of this world but ambassadors of the Royal House of David. Their credentials were the holy priesthood of God after the order of Melchizedek. Arriving at their destination in Preston, the gaze of these humble missionaries was suddenly arrested by a large banner floating gently in the breeze and bearing the inscription, "Truth Will Prevail." To their souls the message immediately prompted their leader, Heber C. Kimball, to exclaim with all his inspired fervour, as he gazed steadfast into heaven: "Amen. Thanks be to God. Truth will prevail."

Despite opposition from all sides, from that time onward the message of these divine servants has steadily developed into an imposing organization, containing the flower of all England. From this organization have arisen the warriors of youth whose very abstinence from those things which enslave humanity is affirming and declaring anew the old time injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ that truth will make men free. And finding happiness in the joy that comes from an understanding and wonder of the beauty of things, they realize that they are the masters of their fate and the captains of their souls.

The positiveness and philosophy of this youthful element is even more remarkable when it is realized that the development has taken place in a modernizing world, which has been

swept by a dark wave of infidelity and atheism, causing many a struggling soul to be pushed into the depths of degeneration. The development has come about in an age when the mad rush

A Winning Speech

PRINTED here is the address of President Fred K. Birkhead of Barnsley branch, Sheffield district which won first place in the mission-wide M Men public speaking contest, the finals of which took place at Kidderminster conference. The theme of the contest speeches was the 1934-35 M. I. A. slogan, "By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance to The Church."

This inspiring talk is an example of what M. I. A. activity will do for one who takes advantage of it. Previous to his branch presidency appointment, President Birkhead was superintendent of the Barnsley branch Y. M. M. I. A. for five years. Finishing school when 14 years of age, he has been a miner in Yorkshire's coal field for 16 years. He and his wife have two children, Roy Hamilton, four, and Barbara Kelly, two. President Birkhead was born and reared in the Church.

of speed has caused to be forgotten the God-given things that really count. It has come in an age when men of public standing have given way to despair over the apparent laxity of moral purity, when corruption, strife and over-indulgence are manifest on every hand, placing in bondage the souls of men that were destined for holier spheres.

It is true there have been attempts based upon the wisdom of men to stem this flow of infidelity. Institutions have been created here and there like fairy lamps twinkling in the space of darkness. And like fairy lamps they have served to show the darkness rather than to illuminate it.

Ever conscious of its worth to humanity, on the other hand, the organization of youth continues to express itself in Bee-Hive and Gleaner Girl organizations. Groups of young girls realize the power of their solidarity, pledging their honour to "Have Faith, Seek Knowledge, Safeguard Health, Honour Womanhood, Understand Beauty, Know Work, Love Truth, Taste the Sweetness of Service, Feel Joy." To develop spiritually, intellectually, morally and to ever perfect their individual womanhood is their aim.

And again, growth is made manifest with the thousands of boys and young men who have affiliated themselves to Boy Scout and M Men groups. They are also giving their word to serve King and country, to lead a useful and purposeful life, to keep themselves clean, "to fearlessly oppose wrong, to learn modesty and manliness, and to obey the rules of good sportsmanship."

All of these groups combine to form the Mutual Improvement Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Here is a veritable army of youth who are learning to subdue wrong, to rebuke evil and to gain individual testimonies of the divinity of life. Thus they have added strength and joy in declaring to a priestcraft-ruled and indifferent world that despite all opposition they shall "carry on, carry on, carry on," and that the torch of truth within their hands shall never be a blazeless brand, but shall shine out brightly and gloriously, resplendent through eternity as a constant guide in God's great plan and a beacon to every man.

And all of this is possible because of the vitality derived by each individual member, who undaunted stands and faces the world with a conscience void of offence to the race that shall be, declaring inward as expression is given outward that "By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance To The Church."

A CHALLENGE TO THE YOUTH OF BRITAIN

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Is there a need for Zion today? Is there a need for practical teachings of love in the hearts of men?

We hear of armaments and frontiers. We read of forgotten treaties and broken pledges. It is not enough that our fathers and sons and brothers lie buried in Flanders field. It is not enough that great numbers of men still groan in physical torture from horrid wounds inflicted by men as unloathsome as themselves.

It is not enough to know that money sufficient to provide an individual estate for every family in Britain, Canada, Anstralia, the United States, France, Germany, Belginn and Russia was blown away in less than four years war.

What a delightful world this would be if every young man would live up to the M Men pledge; if every young woman would measure up to the Gleaner prayer; if every boy could stand and promise, "On my honour I will do my best—1. To do my duty to God and the King. 2. To help other people at all times; 3. To obey the Scout Law;" if each young girl would "Have Faith, Seek Knowledge, Safeguard Health, Honour Womanhood, Understand Beauty, Know Work, Love Truth, Taste the Sweetness of Service, Feel Joy;" if burning in each young heart there was an individual, soul-satisfying testimony that God lives and that Jesus Christ is His Son, the Redeemer of the world!

Out of our love for Britain, may we take hold of the challenge to prepare ourselves for wonderful opportunities. Work night and day, if need be, to become a Penrose, a Callis, or a Roberts in this land we have come to love. May we grasp the torch, become "yeomen of England," go forth with courage and determination like the 2,000 stripling warriors of Helamen to build Zion today.

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are broadcast over KSL. In New York City another Latter-day Saint programme was recently presented over the Columbia system. Missions throughout America have broadcast the same message at different periods.

At the invitation of the national broadcasting system of Czecho Slovakia, President Arthur Gaeth of the Czecho Slovakian mission recently gave a fifteen minnte address over its system on "Latter-day Saint History and Doctrines."

Little perhaps did Orson Pratt realize on that wintry day of 1873 the potency and portent of that "miraculous power" he foretold, and what an important role it would play in carrying the message of the restored Gospel before the world. President Grant recognized the Author of this predicted and purposeful gift "that is miraculous in order that all nations" may hear the restored word, in the closing remarks of his address heard by millions: "Words fail me in expressing my heartfelt gratitnde to God for the radio which gives me this opportunity of bearing my testimony to all the people of the world of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

So was this remarkable miracle of the air foretold by a modern prophet of God, and so does the fulfillment of all latter-day prophecy continue, furnishing repeatedly added testimony to the divinity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—WENDELL J. ASHTON.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT Joseph F. Merrill of the European mission and President Joseph J. Cannon of the British mission were the principal speakers at the annual spring conference of the Manchester district in Cooperative hall, Downing street, Manchester on Sunday, June 16th. In his sermon, President Merrill showed how the Church was fast gaining recognition throughout the world, and admonished the saints to hold fast to their testimonies and continue to follow the Gospel teachings.

"Divine revelation is the greatest distinguishing characteristic of the Church, and will continue to be its greatest convincing power to the people of the world," President Cannon said in his remarks.

During the morning session testimonies were borne by Elders Elbert H. Startup, Melvin M. Richards and James S. Astin, Brothers Albert Kershaw and R. J. Pearce and Sister Florence Allsop. After the meeting, the Priesthood and Relief Society separated for instructions from President Cannon and Sister Ramona W. Cannon,

British mission Relief Society president.

In the afternoon a Sunday School-Relief Society convention was held under the direction of Sister Cannon and Elder Conway A. Ashton, mission Sunday School superintendent. Participants on the programme included Brother Sam Mills, district Sunday School supervisor, and Sister Florence Allsop, district Relief Society supervisor, and Dorothy Boyer, George E. Dale, R. H. Pearce, Elizabeth Pearce, Melita Wiles, Florence Story, Edith Holt, Lillian Townsend and Albert Woodruff.

In addition to the sermons by Presidents Merrill and Cannon, the evening session included vocal solos by Elder Astin and Brother Hugh Q. Jones.

Travelling elders in attendance at the conference were Supervising Elder Elbert H. Startup, Melvin M. Richards, James S. Astin, James W. Calderwood, Leland W. Thomas and Franklin W. Gunnell.

WILLIAM GREGSON
District President.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Egyptology—Excavating expeditions, after months of work, have discovered ruins which they believe substantiate Bible writings. The Tell En-Nasbeh Expedition of the Pacific School of Religion, directed by The Rev. W. F. Bade, has located what is believed to be Machpelah, the cave burying-place of Sarah, wife of Abraham. Bronze bracelets, toggle pins and fragments of pottery of Early Bronze Age (2500-2000 B. C.) indicate that the cave was a burial place a thousand years before the Israelites of Mizpah settled in this place, seven miles north of Jerusalem. A second discovery, made by Egyptologists headed by Mr. H. E. Winlock, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, is thought to be the ruins of Raamses, one of the two treasure cities built by Pharaoh after Joseph's death, at the time the Israelites were held in bondage. Decorated tiles in palace

ruins give evidence of being the scenes where Moses spent his youth.

Nicotine—An article in a recent issue of the *Science News Letter* included this statement: "The doctors found the brain gets its energy for thinking from glucose or sugar. The brain takes sugar from the blood, breaks it up into simpler chemical compounds, including lactic acid, which it burns to get energy, just as a steam engine gets its energy from burning coal. When, however, nicotine is mixed with brain tissue in a flask the brain cannot use the lactic acid and is compelled to get its energy from other substances."

Diet—Commenting upon model meals, the *New Health* magazine states: "Milk, butter, cheese, whole-meal bread, green, leafy vegetables, and fruits make up a perfect diet. A larger consumption of milk would improve the health of the nation."

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Peace, prosperity and happiness will not come to the world until it ceases the use of tobacco and liquor, President Heber J. Grant declared in a recent address at a Liberty stake conference in the Assembly hall on the Temple grounds at Salt Lake City. The world is in a depression, President Grant pointed out, "because the world has not seen fit to believe in the revelation given by the Lord to Joseph Smith."

Invited by the commissioner of police, the Latter-day Saint band in the Tahiti mission recently gave a concert for the governor of French Oceania, who was entertaining Admiral Charner of the French navy, in the city park of Papeete, Tahiti islands (located in the Pacific ocean), in a setting of tropical flowers and ferns basking in light rays of many colours. Following the concert and a conference of the mission in Papeete, 150 saints, accompanied by the band, made a tour of the mission, holding well-

attended meetings and concerts in all parts of the islands. The Tahiti mission has offered a rich field of Gospel gleanings since it was opened in 1844.

Many new friends and Gospel conversations have been made through their membership in the Haifa Choral society by President Badwagan Piranian and his daughter, Asacliq, and Elder John Fetzler of the Palestine-Syrian mission. The choral group is composed of 40 persons, all of whom are English. The society recently gave two concerts before the British soldiers stationed in Palestine.

Presentation of replicas of the five-millionth copy of the Boy Scouts of America handbook, recently presented to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was recently made to President Heber J. Grant and Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of Twelve along with seven other Utah leaders for their outstanding contributions to Scouting.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Releases: Elder Grant Kirkham was honourably released on June 5th, having laboured in the Hull, Leeds, Newcastle and Welsh districts.

Elder James J. Kirby was honourably released on June 13th, having laboured in the Bristol, Nottingham and Hull districts.

Transfers: Elder Henry R. Pearson was transferred from the Welsh district to the British mission office on June 13th.

Elder Francis W. Cox was transferred from the Birmingham to the Irish district on June 13th.

Elder Elvon G. Jackson was transferred from the Newcastle to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder E. J. Milne was transferred from the Newcastle district to the

British mission office on June 13th.

Elder L. Dean Hickman was transferred from the Newcastle to the Manchester district on June 17th.

Elder Alma M. Porter was transferred from the Leeds to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder J. Sterling Astin was transferred from the Manchester to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder Gilbert R. Langton was transferred from the Bristol to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder John L. Van Orman was transferred from the Norwich to the Leeds district on June 13th.

Elder Gordon D. Priestly was transferred from the Sheffield to the Norwich district on June 13th.

Elder George W. Shupe was transferred from the London to the Sheffield district on June 13th.

Elder Irvin M. Skonsen was transferred from the London to the Leeds district on June 13th.

Elder Joseph H. Stout was transferred from the Nottingham to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder Mylan L. Healy was transferred from the Leeds to the Sheffield district on June 13th.

Elder Douglas L. Anderson was transferred from the Newcastle to the Birmingham district on June 13th.

Elder Keith L. Freeman was transferred from the Welsh to the Manchester district on June 17th.

Elder Philip J. Badger was transferred from the Liverpool to the Manchester district on June 17th.

Appointments: Elder Joshua Rallison was appointed supervising elder of the Welsh district on June 13th.

Elder Mylan L. Healy was appointed supervising elder of the Sheffield district on June 13th.

Elder John L. Van Orman was appointed supervising elder of the Leeds district on June 13th.

Elder John Arval Marcroft was appointed supervising elder of the Newcastle district on June 18th.

Doings in the Districts: Birmingham—Approximately 80 persons attended the concert and dance sponsored by the Nuneaton branch M.I.A. in the Masonic hall, Nuneaton, on Saturday, May 18th. In a hall adorned with festoons of Gold and Green, several musical numbers were presented, followed by a comedy farce, "A Will and a Way." Exhibition dances were given by Sister Bertha Collins and Mr. Bernard Phelps. Brother Edgar A. Cates was in charge of the affair.

The annual M Men-Gleaner banquet of the Handsworth branch was held in the branch hall, Saturday, May 18th, with 49 persons in attendance. A delicious dinner was served in an elaborately decorated hall. Brother William Horner gave a toast to the Gleaners and Sister Violet Grundy gave a toast to the M Men. Other toasts were given by Brother G. Makin and

Brother M. Joseph. Honoured guests were Branch President Charles Collins and Sister Collins and Sister Gertrude Allan, district Gleaner supervisor, and Brother L. Dunn, district M Men supervisor. The affair was planned by Brother B. V. Green, M Men president, and Sister B. S. Horner, Gleaner president. Brother Frank Bailey acted as toastmaster.

Branch presidencies in the Birmingham district have been re-organized partially or completely during the past few weeks, with the following new officers: Handsworth branch, Charles Collins, president; John M. Joseph, first counsellor, and John H. Makin, Sr., second counsellor; Nuneaton branch, William T. Nightingale, president; Clarence T. Linnett, first counsellor, and William Seckington, second counsellor; Sparkbrook branch, F. G. Webb, president; William John Dyson, first counsellor; and Arthur John Fisher, second counsellor; Tipton, Charles Harper, president, and John R. Goodman, first counsellor. These changes have been made by the new district presidency, composed of Norman Dunn, president; George Ernest Hunter, first counsellor, and William St. John Yates, second counsellor.

Hull—A farewell party in honour of Elder Theodore Lowther, for several months president of the Gainsborough branch, was given by members and friends in the branch hall on Friday, May 17th. Brother Joseph Mills was sustained as branch president to succeed Elder Lowther, who leaves soon for his home in Salt Lake City.

Honouring her on her twenty-fifth anniversary as president of the branch Relief Society, the Gainsborough branch conducted a social and programme in behalf of Sister Mary H. Northgraves in the branch hall on Monday, May 27th.

Liverpool—A concert party was given by the Burnley branch Y.W.M.I.A. in the branch hall on June 1st under the direction of Sisters Doris and Lillian Owens. The programme included singing, dancing, dialogue, and a mystery play.

London—Following his appointment as president of the North London branch, Brother David H. Willmott was released as second assistant superintendent of the British Mission Sunday School board on Thursday, May 30th.

Norwich—Commemorating the first anniversary of their organization, Bee-Hive Girls of the Lowestoft branch held a social and supper in the Recreational hall on Wednesday evening, May 29th. Sister Mildred Jennis, district Y. W. M. I. A. supervisor, and mothers of the girls were honoured guests. The programme, which was planned by Beekeeper Madeline Coleby, included folk and modern dancing and musical numbers.

Portsmouth—Under the direction of the Portsmouth branch Primary and M. I. A., a branch honour day and rummage sale was held recently. The programme consisted of an address of welcome by District President Richard G. Harston, dances, songs and recitations by Primary children and a one-act play, "Hero Worship." Refreshments were served to the 35 persons present, 28 of whom were friends.

"The Need of a Restoration" was the theme of the Portsmouth branch conference held on May 26th in the branch hall. Branch President Orson K. Taylor conducted the services, which included speeches by branch and district authorities.

DEATHS

HILTON—Funeral services for Sister Mildred Hilton, an active worker in the Burnley branch, who died from pneumonia on Saturday, May 25th, were held Wednesday, May 29th, in the Burnley branch chapel under the direction of Branch President John Moore. Interment followed in the Burnley cemetery.

EASTON—Following a heart attack, Sister Elizabeth H. Easton, 43, passed away at her home in Glasgow, Sunday night, May 26th. Funeral services were held in her home under the direction of Supervising Elder Roscoe G. Ward on Wednesday, May 29th. Elder

Eugene T. Pingree offered the dedicatory prayer at the graveside.

DUNSTAN—Mr. William Dunstan, beloved husband of Sister Maggie Dunstan of Gainsborough branch, passed away at his home on Saturday, May 25th. Graveside ceremonies were held at the Old cemetery, Ropery road, under the direction of Elder Clarence B. Cannon. Elder Edwin Lyman dedicated the grave.

SPARKS—Members of the Burnley branch regret the passing of Mr. Harry Sparks, for many years a friend of the branch, on May 10th. Burial took place in the Burnley cemetery on Tuesday, May 14th.

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